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DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME AT RUMANIAN COLLECTIVES

[Comment: The following information collected from 14 articles in Viata Sindicala and Romania Libera, Bucharest daily newspapers, are typical of those which appear annually in these and other Bucharest newspapers during January, February, and March depicting the advantages of collectivization. During these months of the agricultural slack season, the newspapers point out the advantages of collectivization to attract more peasants to collectives before the spring planting drive.]

Arad Regiune

Income has been distributed at the Tudor Vladimirescu collective, Macea Commune, Arad Raion. Every member of the collective received quantities of produce commensurate with the number of workdays given. Collectivist Ioan Susan, who had worked 647 days, received 2,785 kilograms of wheat, 971 kilograms of corn, as well as other produce. The family of collectivist Mihai Kondors received produce for 625 workdays. In view of these results, 36 families requested permission to join this collective.(1)

Barlad Regiune

Many individual farmers from Munteni Commune, Tecuci Raion, Barlad Regiune, who had attended the distribution of income at the 21 Decembrie collective of Harpesti Village, Targu-Frumos Raion, Iasi Regiune, applied for permission to form a collective in their village.(2)

Cluj Regiune

The Scanteia collective, Jelnea Commune, Bistrita Raion, distributed so much produce in 1951 that its members still have supplies left over. Adalbert Dariosi, for example, received 1,500 kilograms of wheat, 633 kilograms of corn, and 986 kilograms of potatoes, rye, and other produce. Collectivists Cirila Lupescu and Grigore Susu also received considerable quantities of produce.(2)

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The Salatiu Village collective, Gherla Raion, Cluj Regiune, distributed the income from 1952 harvests at the beginning of January 1953. The collectivists harvested an average of 1,630 kilograms of wheat, 2,030 kilograms of corn, 16,350 kilograms of fodder beets, and 6,625 kilograms of onions per hectare. Each collectivist received 3.6 kilograms of wheat, 3 kilograms of corn, and 0.50 kilogram of potatoes, cabbage, and other produce for every workday. Collectivist Ghedeon Pop, head of the collective, received 1,993 kilograms of wheat, 1,661 kilograms of corn, 275 kilograms of onions, 275 kilograms of cabbage, and 1,653 kilograms of fodder and other produce for 551 workdays put in by him and his family. Assistance was distributed to the aged from the 2-percent reserve funds of the collective. Elena Fozakas received a gift of 300 kilograms of wheat, besides the produce that was due her for the 92 days she had worked.(3)

Constanta Regiune

Members of the Ceapaev collective, Basarabi Commune, Medgidia Raion, recently received compensation for their work in 1952. Marin Urucu, for example, received 2,352 kilograms of wheat, 1,384 kilograms of barley, 837 kilograms of oats, 792 kilograms of sunflower seed, 1,038 kilograms of corn, 6,990 kilograms of hay, 36 meters of cotton cloth, and 3,000 lei for 692 workdays performed by him and his family. Collectivist Abdula Calabab, who, together with three members of his family, worked 492 days, received 1,689 kilograms of wheat, 996 kilograms of barley, 589 kilograms of oats, 379 kilograms of sunflower seed, 746 kilograms of corn, 480 kilograms of fodder, and other produce.(1)

Collectivists of Hagieni Commune, Constanta Regiune, exceeded their production plans for several products. Daily wages were increased as a result of larger yield per hectare. Collectivists received 7.70 kilograms of wheat, 6.250 kilograms of corn, 1.75 kilograms of sunflower seed, 2 kilograms of barley, and many other products for every workday. The family of collectivist Geamandin Popiac received close to a carload of grain and produce for workdays performed during 1952.(2)

The Haia Lifszit collective, 2 Mai Village, Mangalia Commune, Constanta Regiune, recently distributed large quantities of produce to its members. An average yield of 2,400 kilograms of wheat and barley per hectare was obtained by the collective. The collective has 227 sheep, 22 cows, a rabbit farm, a Rhode Island Red poultry farm, and it recently started a hog farm.(4)

Each collectivist received 9 kilograms of wheat, 3 kilograms of corn, 1.800 kilograms of barley, 0.500 kilogram of sunflower seed, and large quantities of vegetables, cheese, wool, and other produce for every day of work. Isac Zanovei, head of the collective, received almost 12,000 kilograms of produce, including 6,300 kilograms of wheat, 2,100 kilograms of corn, 1,260 kilograms of barley, 250 kilograms of sunflower seed, 280 kilograms of cabbage, 280 kilograms of onions, 60 kilograms of beans, 50 kilograms of cheese, and other produce for 700 days of work by him and his family. Collectivist Petre Popa received 6,102 kilograms of wheat, 1,220 kilograms of barley, 2,034 kilograms of corn, 339 kilograms of sunflower seed, and 271 kilograms of onions, cabbage, beans, cheese, and other agricultural produce for 678 workdays. Collectivist Vasile Nazarie did outstanding work throughout the year. He furnished 407 workdays, receiving 3,663 kilograms of wheat, 733 kilograms of barley, 1,221 kilograms of corn, and 203 kilograms of sunflower seed, beans, cheese, wool, etc. Collectivist Evdochia Cubanita received 3,500 kilograms of produce for her work.(4)

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Craiova Regiune

The Stefan Gheorghiu collective, Calcesti Commune, Baia-de-Arama Raion, distributed produce and earnings to its members in January 1953. Corn and wheat production in 1952 was 700-800 kilograms greater at the collective than at individual farms.(2)

Grigore Pera and his daughter worked 511 days; in payment, they received 2,120 kilograms of wheat and 1,790 kilograms of corn, beans, sunflower seed, potatoes, and onions.(2)

Galati Regiune

At the Hristo Botev collective, Morotesti Village, Osmanu Commune, Braila Raion, collectivists received 16 kilograms of grain and produce for each work-day, besides cash, cloth, and cotton, in the first year of existence of their collective. Gheorghe Turcu and his family received more than one carload of corn, wheat, and sunflower seed, besides other produce, for their work.(2)

Iasi Regiune

The collective of Doljesti Commune, Roman Raion, harvested 1,800 kilograms of wheat and 1,579 kilograms of corn per hectare, while individual farmers only obtained 500-600 kilograms per hectare of the same products.(2) The generous distribution of income and produce is enticing more and more peasants to join in collectives.(2)

The 21 Decembrie collective of Harpesti Village, Targu-Frumos Raion, Iasi Regiune, distributed income to its members during December 1952. Crops at that collective exceeded average individual farmers' production by 500-550 kilograms per hectare. Many collectivists brought home full carts of produce. Immediately after distribution of income, many peasants made application to join the collective.(2)

In addition, the collective bought 175 sheep, 13 sows, and 13 cows and built a granary with a capacity of 25 carloads. Collectivist Ion Miron received 12,626 kilograms of produce for his work.(2)

Pitesti Regiune

The collective of Moreni Village, Gaesti Raion, exceeded its grain-quota production 20-30 percent. Marin Constantin and his family took home 18,900 kilograms of produce for 560 workdays. Collectivist Ion Tadea was able to build a new home from the sale of produce received in advance. He stated that the balance of produce received at the final distribution of income would enable him to live comfortably for 2 years.(2)

Ploesti Regiune

The collective in Baba-Ana Commune, Ploesti Raion, distributed remuneration to its members during January for their work in 1952. The family of Savu Petria, head of the collective, worked 506 days and received 1,720 kilograms of wheat, 1,670 kilograms of corn, 2,530 kilograms of fodder, 18.6 kilograms of sugar, 3 kilograms of honey and other produce, as well as 3,500 lei in cash. Another collectivist, Ion Morcovanu, received 1,666 kilograms of wheat, 1,617 kilograms of corn, and 2,450 kilograms of hay and other produce for the 490 days worked by him and his family (5)

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The 16 Februarie 1933 collective was formed in 1950, with a membership of only 39 families. In 1951, the number of members doubled, and at the end of 1952, the collective had 115 members. In 1952, the members harvested an average of 1,000 kilograms more wheat, 500 kilograms more corn, and 7,000 kilograms more sugar beets per hectare than independent peasants. The vegetable garden was tended with care and gave good crops.(5)

In 1951, the collective had 360 sheep, 20 sows, and 300 Rhode Island Red chickens, and they also developed apiculture. In 1952, they had 13 beehives. Furthermore, they built a smithy to repair their own tools and also to take in repair work for other small neighboring collectives.(5)

The collective earned a total income of 230,000 lei in 1952. The major part of the income was derived from animal husbandry. It sold 135 lambs, 540 kilograms of wool, and 3,076 kilograms of cheese, all of which brought in 46,208 lei. It sold young pigs to the new collectives in Ploesti Regiune, for which it received 40,000 lei. It earned 49,038 lei from the sale of vegetables. This increased income was then reflected in increased earnings for members of the collective. For instance, they were paid 16.30 lei for every workday, to which was added produce worth 8,247.80 lei, received for the year. Collectivists Gheorghe Popescu, Gheorghe Stanciu, Stefan Stanciu, Benone Sora, Dumitru Craciun, and Dumitru Sora earned enough to build new homes.(5)

Timisoara Regiune

The Vasile Roaita collective of Bichigi Village, Faget Raion, received its share of income at the same time as the other collectives. The family of collectivist Vuia (fnu) received 1,600 kilograms of wheat and other produce for 800 workdays.(1)

At the distribution of income at the Tudor Vladimirescu collective, Ticvariuk-Mare Commune, Oravita Raion, collectivist Achim Petica received 2,541 kilograms of wheat and many other products for his work. Fifty-one families requested permission to join this collective.(2)

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